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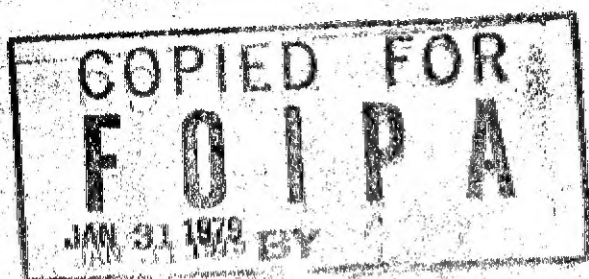
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

To: Director, FBI

10/29/65

From: Legat, Mexico

Re: MARGUERITE COOPER, aka
Margarite Cooper, Marjorie, Margie

SM - C
MC 100-2337 (RUC)

MRS. LOUIS COOPER

SM - C
MC 100-2668 (RUC)

ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are fifteen (15) copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above, together with fifteen (15) copies of a memorandum evaluating the sources utilized therein.

SOURCES:

Identity of Source

File Location

T-1 is [redacted]
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T-2 is [redacted]
FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Documentation of ACGM

CLASSIFICATION:

The enclosed LHM is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ as it contains information received from sources of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of which could affect the national defense.

REQUEST OF BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to furnish four copies each of the enclosed LHM and evaluating memorandum to the New York office and one copy each to the Oklahoma City office.

- (10) - Bureau (Encs. 30)
(1 - Liaison Section)
(4 - New York)
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2 - Mexico City

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MC 100-2667
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LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York, New York

Based on information obtained from informants at Mexico City, the subjects are probably known to the New York office as security subjects, and since they reside in that territory, sufficient copies of this memorandum and the accompanying memoranda are being submitted for the case files of both subjects.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE (Information)

An information copy of this memorandum, together with the enclosed memoranda concerning subjects, are being furnished inasmuch as subjects visited relatives in Oklahoma City on their return to New York, New York.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 29, 1965

MARGUERITE COOPER
LOUIS COOPER

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recommendations nor conclusions of
the FBI. It is the property of
the FBI and is loaned to your agency;
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distributed outside your agency.

Except where noted to the contrary, T-1 furnished
the following information concerning the above-captioned
individuals on the dates indicated below:

On August 3, 1965, the source learned that LOUIS
and MARGUERITE COOPER reside at 159-13 85th Street, Howard
Beach, Queens, New York, New York.

On July 13, 1965, the source learned that the above-
captioned individuals, as of July 9, 1965, were staying at
the Hotel Ronfel, Revillagigedo No. 35, Mexico, D. F., Mexico.
MARGUERITE and LOUIS COOPER were allegedly involved in "leftist
activities" in New York, and LOUIS COOPER was a member of the
Abraham Lincoln Brigade (see Appendix).

The source learned on July 13, 1965, that the captioned
individuals were observed in attendance on July 11, 1965, at a
cocktail reception for a group of individuals from the "National
Guardian" (see Appendix) at the Hotel Ambassador, Humboldt No.
38, Mexico, D. F. A number of individuals associated with the
American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM) (see Appendix) were
also observed in attendance at this cocktail reception.
MARGUERITE COOPER made the statement that she advertises in
the "National Guardian." At this reception, MARGUERITE COOPER
made a contribution of 20 pesos (\$1.30 U.S.) to buy musical
supplies for an individual who planned to visit Cuba for a few
weeks.

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The source advised on July 21, 1965, that he learned on July 18, 1965, from MARGUERITE COOPER, also known as Margarite Cooper, Marjorie, Margie, that she had obtained a package which she was sending to Cuba for a fellow American dancer who was living in Cuba. MARGUERITE COOPER did not furnish the name of this individual.

The source learned on July 22, 1965, that LOUIS COOPER on July 19, 1965, discussed civil rights, at which time he criticized "leaders" of civil rights because they were "middle class" and had no influence over Negroes. He praised (MARTIN LUTHER) KING for his statement calling for negotiations in Vietnam. LOUIS COOPER also said that equal rights are not important to the Negro if he cannot buy food.

The source advised on July 21, 1965, that LOUIS COOPER stated on July 20, 1965, that the Abraham Lincoln Brigade was active in New York, New York. Members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade had demonstrated at the Spanish pavilion at the New York World's Fair but after demonstrating all who participated in the demonstration entered the Spanish pavilion to enjoy the paintings.

The source on July 27, 1965, advised that on July 23, 1965, captioned individuals were located at the Hotel Virreyes, Jose Maria Izazaga No. 2-404, Mexico, D. F. Both subjects advised that they anticipated leaving for the United States on July 31, 1965. They stated that they planned to attend a celebration, prior to leaving, of the anniversary of the Spanish Civil War, but the date of this celebration or its location was not known to the source.

The source advised on August 3, 1965, that MARGUERITE and LOUIS COOPER attended a poetry recital at 90 Versailles, Mexico, D. F. The poetry in general was critical of the current government in Spain.

The source advised on August 3, 1965, that the subjects were located on July 29, 1965, at the Hotel Virreyes, mentioned above. A party was given on this evening at the Hotel Virreyes as a farewell to LOUIS and MARGUERITE COOPER, who were returning to New York, New York. LOUIS COOPER stated at this party that there were approximately 600 United States veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who are still alive, but that only 300 were active.

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The source advised on August 3, 1965, that the captioned subjects both claimed on July 30, 1965, that they would leave the next day for the United States. They stated that they would stop at Oklahoma City to spend some days with the sister of MARGUERITE's first husband and then they would return to New York, New York. The COOPERS did not mention the name of this sister of MARGUERITE COOPER's first husband.

LOUIS COOPER on July 30, 1965, reminisced about his youth and his association with the Young Communist League. (see Appendix).

The source advised on July 13, 1965, that based on observation and information obtained from captioned subjects, they are described as follows: LOUIS COOPER, 51 years of age, 6 feet tall, 170 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, wears brown glasses, and claimed to be a "sailor." MARGUERITE COOPER, also known as Margarite Cooper, Marjorie, Margie, 46 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches tall, greying black hair, blue eyes, 115 pounds, and claimed to have formerly danced with the Martha Graham dancers.

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APPENDIX

Abraham Lincoln Brigade

The Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"National Guardian"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961; prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'"

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, page 78, described the American Labor Party as follows:

"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City, they have been unable to win control."

American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM)

According to T-2, the ACGM is a loose association of a predominantly social nature of present and/or past members of the Communist Party, USA, and their friends and associates who share a common sympathy for communism and the Soviet Union.

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Young Communist League

The Young Communist League has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 29, 1965

**MARGUERITE COOPER
LOUIS COOPER**

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distributed outside your agency.

Reference is made to the memorandum dated and
captioned as above.

Sources T-1 and T-2, mentioned in referenced
memorandum, have both furnished reliable information in
the past.

DIRECTOR, FBI

FD217 to NY 2/24/66
Cons/Bur 3/1/66

SAC, NEW YORK

CHANGED

MARGUERITE COOPER, AKA
Margaret Cooper, Margarite Cooper,
Marjorie Cooper, Mrs. Louis Cooper,
Marjorie Guthrie, Marjorie Mazia,
SM-C

(BUFILE 100-
(NYFILE 100-155985) (-C-)

LOUIS COOPER, AKA

SM-C
(BUFILE 100-402150)
(NYFILE 100-114552) (-C-)
(OO:NY)

Re Legat, Mexico letter and LHM captioned as above
and dated 10/29/65.

The title of this communication is marked "Changed"
to add the aliases of MARGARET COOPER, MARJORIE COOPER, Mrs.
LOUIS COOPER, MARJORIE GUTHRIE and MARJORIE MAZIA, which has
been subsequently set forth.

Referenced LHM set forth information that captioned
subjects were in Mexico in July, 1965.

Investigation revealed that LOUIS COOPER, subject
of NY 100-114552 was married to MARGARET RICE COOPER (subject
of Bu 100-402687; NY 100-108764) and their last known address
was reflected as 39 East 10th Street, New York, New York.

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Investigation further reflects that LOUIS COOPER, subject of this case is no longer married to MARGARET RICE COOPER, but to another MARGARET COOPER, who is also known as MARJORIE GUTHRIE, and MARJORIE MAZIA, a new subject, the latter of whom accompanied LOUIS COOPER to Mexico.

The Bureau is requested to remove the above referenced LHM from the file of MARGARET RICE COOPER, (BUFILE 100-402687) as the above LHM refers to another MARGARET COOPER, the second wife of LOUIS COOPER, for whom a new 100 case file has been assigned in the New York Office as set forth in the title of this communication.

A pretext call was made by SA GENE R. RALPH on 1/18/66, to telephone number Oregon 4-4538, listed to LOUIS COOPER, 39 East 10th Street, New York, New York, at which time it was determined from a young female who identified herself as the subject's daughter, that LOUIS COOPER, this subject, no longer resides at that address as he is residing with his second wife. She stated he could be reached at telephone number Virginia 8-0429, in Queens, New York. She refused to furnish his address. (The pretext utilized was that of BERNIE, a friend of the subject, attempting to contact him.)

A check of the criss-cross telephone directory of Queens, New York, by SA GENE R. RALPH on 1/18/66, revealed that MARJORIE MAZIA resides at 159-13 85th Street, Howard Beach, Queens, New York, and is the subscriber to telephone number Virginia 8-0249, the same telephone number furnished by the subject's daughter. Numerous pretexts to this telephone number obtained no answer.

On 1/18/66, SA GENE R. RALPH conducted a neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of the subject's new residence, 159-13 85th Street, Howard Beach, Queens, New York. The only available individual who was able to furnish information concerning the subject was a Mrs. ELAINE B. REISMAN, who was interviewed under the pretext of attempting to locate a LOUIS COOPER, but not knowing if he were identical to the

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LOUIS COOPER residing at the above address.

Mrs. ELAINE B. REISMAN, 159-06 85th Street, Howard Beach, Queens, New York, advised SA GENE R. RALPH under pretext on 1/18/66, that the individuals who reside at 159-13 85th Street, Howard Beach, consists of Mrs. MARGARET GUTHRIE and her three grown children, and her newly acquired husband, whom she believed to be COOPER, inasmuch as his name appears on the door under the name of GUTHRIE. She stated that Mrs. GUTHRIE is the previous married name of the new Mrs. COOPER, and that she believes the children use the last name of GUTHRIE. She stated that Mrs. GUTHRIE has resided at the above address in Howard Beach for at least 12 years, that she is a woman ballet teacher, and that she believes that Mrs. GUTHRIE has been married to her present second husband, by the last name of COOPER, for at least a year. She stated she did not know where she was married or when, and that she did not know the first name of Mr. COOPER. She stated that since she resides across the street from the subject, she would not be able to furnish the names of anyone in the neighborhood who would know the GUTHRIE-COOPER family any better than she does because Mrs. GUTHRIE has not associated with anyone in the neighborhood for the 12 years or so that she has resided there. She could furnish no information concerning MARJORIE MAZIA except to state that she believed that may have been Mrs. GUTHRIE's maiden name, but she stated she is known as MARJORIE GUTHRIE, MARJORIE COOPER and Mrs. COOPER.

It was observed on the front door of the COOPER residence, 159-13 85th Street, Howard Beach, Queens, New York, a small private ranch home, the name "GUTHRIE" appeared in large letters and underneath this name in equal size letters, appeared the name "COOPER." In front of this residence was parked a late model blue-gray Buick bearing the new 1966 N.Y. State license plate QD-2207, and on the rear bumper appeared a sticker with the name "Motel Acapulco" (Mexico). This license plate cannot be checked until April, 1966, due to the new plates not being filed before that time.

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Records of the Bureau of Special Services (BSS), New York City Police Department (NYCPD), were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on 1/10/66, at which time no identifiable information concerning either the subject or his wife was located.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by IC JOHN C. MC AVOY on 12/13/65, for any information concerning a LOUIS COOPER and/or MARGARET COOPER at 159-13 85th Street, Howard Beach, Queens, New York, at which time no information was located concerning either the subject or his new wife, under her name or known aliases.

Records of [redacted] were checked by SA JAMES M. ANDERSON on December 27, 1965, for any information on either LOUIS COOPER or MARGARET COOPER at 159-13 85th Street, Howard Beach, but no information was located for MARGARET COOPER. The records did reflect the following information concerning LOUIS COOPER:

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Name:	LOUIS COOPER
Date of Birth:	2/18/15
Policy Number:	10-340-130
Cancelled:	8/21/61
Employment:	Since February, 1957, employed in Sales, Westchester Home Equipment Company, 318 East 153rd Street, Bronx, New York.
Married:	12/29/42
Status:	Divorced
Son:	RICHARD COOPER
Wife:	Born: [redacted] FOIA(b)(6) ANN COOPER Born: [redacted] FOIA(b)(6)
Residence:	Not shown.

The following informants, all familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New York area, were contacted in

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December, 1965, at which time they advised that either the subject and his wife were unknown to them or that they could furnish no information concerning them: (These informants were contacted relative to LOUIS COOPER and MARGARET COOPER of 159-13 85th Street, Howard Beach, Queens, New York)

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Records of the Queens County Board of Elections were checked by IC MICHAEL J. FLANNERY on 1/13/66, at which time there was no record located for either of the subjects under their names or known aliases for the years 1951 through 1965.

Indices of the NYO were checked at which time no information was located for the subject or his wife under their known aliases other than the information contained in this communication.

A review of the NY file for LOUIS COOPER failed to reflect any pertinent unreported subversive information which has not been already reported to the Bureau. In view of the foregoing information, no additional investigation will be conducted at this time on either of the above captioned subject's inasmuch as their activities do not warrant additional investigation under either the Security Index or the Reserve Index of the New York Office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *WJH* LEGAT, MEXICO (RUC)

SUBJECT:

DATE: 11-27-68

MARGUERITE COOPER, aka
SM - C Bufile 100-445411
MexFile 100-2667

LOUIS COOPER
SM - C
Bufile 100-402150
MexFile 100-2668

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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are 14 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated as above, bearing second caption only.

REFERENCE

Mexico City letter dated 10-29-65.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The enclosed LHM was prepared under the caption of LOUIS COOPER only inasmuch as most of the activity described therein pertains to that Subject who visited in Mexico during July, 1968.

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received a letter dated 10-18-68 from Mrs. COOPER. This bore the return address 159 - 13 85th Street, Howard Beach, Queens, New York 11414.

In this letter, Mrs. COOPER stated that after her husband returned to New York from Mexico he had taken a room "in the Seamen's House" and had then "shipped out for a month." She added that "last week he took off for a seven weeks trip to South America." Mrs. COOPER commented that she and her husband "will be better friends than suffering living together." She also added that she is running a dancing school and that her son ARLO "is filming 'Alice's Restaurant'" (a popular song, according to informant). JOADY, her other son, is in Goddard College and her daughter is attending NYU.

FOIA b 7 - D, explained that all of these children were by Mrs. COOPER's former husband, WOODY GUTHRIE, now deceased.

SOURCES

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CLASSIFICATION

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LEADS

Investigative leads to determine LOUIS COOPER's present residence and employment are being left to the discretion of the New York Office inasmuch as this Office is not aware of the investigative status of the Subjects.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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November 27, 1968

LOUIS COOPER

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On July 9, 1968, a source, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

On July 3, 1968, Subject was staying in Room 302
of Suites Humboldt, No. 53 Humboldt Street, Mexico, D.F.,
Mexico. Subject stated he had arrived in Mexico City by
plane that day from New York and had come to Mexico for
the specific purpose of obtaining a divorce. He explained
that his wife wanted the divorce and that he had agreed.
He indicated he would seek a good lawyer in Mexico City
to handle the case. During his visit he also hoped to
contact some of his friends living in Mexico, especially
those who were affiliated with the Veterans of the
Abraham Lincoln Brigade (VALB), of which he is a member.

The VALB has been cited by the Attorney
General of the United States under Executive
Order 10450.

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On July 4, 1968, Subject stated he had had lunch that day in the home of CONSUELO HIDALGO, former wife of his VALB friend, WILLIAM COLFAX MILLER, who lives in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. Subject indicated he hoped to see MILLER later on during his visit.

Subject stated that while in the HIDALGO home he had met other VALB members including HENRY GILER from Los Angeles, California.

He had also received an invitation to attend a photographic exhibit at the Polish Embassy in Mexico City that evening which he had accepted. While at the exhibit he had been introduced to the Polish Ambassador to Mexico.

On July 6, 1968, Subject stated he had arranged for a lawyer to handle his divorce case, the charge for which would be 3,000 pesos. The lawyer had told him he needed his wife's power of attorney as well as a certified copy of their marriage certificate.

On July 9, 1968, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

On July 7, 1968, Subject traveled to Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, where he visited in the home of MARY and CEDRIC BELFRAGE. While in the BELFRAGE home he met many of their guests and friends, some of whom were visiting from the United States and Canada.

Following this visit, during the evening, Subject paid a visit to FREDERICKA MARTIN, a member of the VALB living in Cuernavaca. After leaving MARTIN's home, Subject visited in the home of HARRY HAYWOOD.

According to the second source, MARY and CEDRIC BELFRAGE, as well as HARRY HAYWOOD and FREDERICKA MARTIN, are associates of the American Communist Group in Mexico, characterized by the source as a loose

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association, of a predominantly social nature, of present and/or past members of the Communist Party, USA, and their friends and associates who share a common sympathy for the international communist movement.

On July 23, 1968, the first source advised that on July 19, 1968, the Subject attended a cocktail party held in the Hotel Luma, No. 16 Orizaba Street, Mexico, D.F. This affair was held for participants in a tour of Mexico sponsored by "The Guardian" publication of New York. One of the purposes of the party, according to the source, was to afford the tour participants an opportunity to meet some of the "Guardian readers" residing in Mexico, some of whom were present.

A characterization of "The Guardian" is appended hereto.

At the above affair, according to the first source, Subject stated he had received two letters from his wife, since coming to Mexico, and he was so disgusted he felt "to hell with the divorce" and would probably return to New York the following day.

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APPENDIX

"GUARDIAN"
FORMERLY KNOWN AS
"NATIONAL GUARDIAN";
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"1. ... established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly ... it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

The February 3, 1968, issue of the "National Guardian" announced that as of the issue of February 10, 1968, the "National Guardian" would henceforth be known as the "Guardian."

The February 10, 1968, issue of the "Guardian" is self-described as an "independent radical newsweekly" and is published by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated. The "Guardian" lists its address as 197 East 4th Street, New York, New York.

The February 12, 1968, issue of the "New York Times" carried an article entitled, "Radical Editors Say Their Job Is In 'Movement.'" This article stated that the first issue of the "Guardian" was dedicated by the paper's staff "To those heroic Liberation fighters who last week began a major offensive against American Imperialism in South Vietnam."

This article quoted one of the editors as saying that "Our job is to build a Radical movement. To quote the Cuban revolutionaries, we are not only to write about it, but also to move along with it--we are movement people acting as journalists."

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"The 'Guardian' takes a strong left position, but it is not identified with any organized group because it believes that an American left ideology is still in the making. One of its purposes is to break away from the cliches of the left ideology of the past."

This article concluded by stating that the "Guardian" is considered the largest radical weekly in America.

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APPENDIX

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

"AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

"2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the * * * American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc.117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-402150)
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Re Legat, Mexico, letter to the Bureau, 11/27/68, and
SAC Letter 69-13 (E), captioned, "Security Investigations--
Individuals Traveling Abroad".

The LHM enclosed with re Legat, Mexico, letter indicates
that LOUIS COOPER had been in Mexico during 1968, during
which time he stated he was in Mexico for the purpose of
obtaining a divorce from MARGUERITE COOPER but would leave
Mexico without obtaining the divorce.

On 1/21/69, PATRICK O' NEAL, Security Officer, Seamen's
Church Institute (SCI), 15 State Street, New York, NY,
telephonically advised SA JOHN F. MAHER that the records of
the SCI indicate that LOUIS COOPER was not at that time
residing at the SCI and had not lived at that location
during 1968.

On 1/21/69, Mrs. ELAINE REISMAN, 159-06 85th Street,
Howard Beach, Queens, NY, was telephonically interviewed by
SA MAHER under pretext at which time she stated that
MARGUERITE COOPER resides at 159-13 85th Street, Howard
Beach, Queens, NY, and runs a dance school in Brooklyn.
Mrs. REISMAN stated that to her knowledge LOUIS COOPER
also resides at 159-13 85th Street, Queens.

It is noted that on 3/18/66, the records of the New
York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Albany, NY, as
furnished to IC FREDERICK L. HOGAN by Mrs. THERESA DORELL
of that department disclosed a "Registration Information

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Request" for MARJORIE MAZIA, 159-13 85th Street, Queens, NY which lists this individual's employment as the Marjorie Mazia School of Dance, 1618 Sheepshead Bay Road, Brooklyn, NY. It is noted that MARJORIE MAZIA is reported to be the maiden name of MARGUERITE COOPER.

A review of the "Brooklyn Address-Telephone Directory" dated 12/30/68, reveals that telephone number DE-2-0681 is listed to the Marjorie Mazia School of Dance, 1618 Sheepshead Bay Road, Brooklyn, NY, and also indicates that in the event of "no answer" the number VI-8-1249 should be used. It is noted that this number is listed to MARJORIE MAZIA, 159-13 85th Street, Queens, NY.

On 2/5/69, WILLIAM DASH, Dispatcher, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association (MEBA), 752 Broadway, New York, NY (conceal) advised SA MAHER that LOUIS COOPER is currently employed as a ship's engineer aboard a ship of the Moore-Mc Cormack Lines, Incorporated, New York, NY. He stated that COOPER might be ashore at this time because of the current strike of the International Longshoremen's Association. DASH mentioned that he has no information concerning the current residence of LOUIS COOPER.

On 2/5/69, FRANK A. LAURITO, Chief Accountant, MEBA, 17 Battery Place, New York, NY, (conceal) advised SA MAHER from records that LOUIS COOPER is a member of MEBA, that his date of birth is 2/18/15, that his Social Security Number is 080-18-6924 and that his Merchant Mariner's Document Number is Z-221488. LAURITO stated that he has an address for COOPER of 159-13 85th Street, Queens, NY, which was good as of April, 1968.

On 2/20/69, VINCENT SULLIVAN, Chief Clerk, Marine Personnel Office, Moore-Mc Cormack Lines, Inc., 69 West 14th Street, New York, NY, advised SA MAHER that LOUIS COOPER had been employed as a 2nd Engineer aboard the "SS Mormacscan", a ship of that corporation from 10/11/68 to 1/2/69, at which time his employment was terminated because of the strike of the International Longshoremen's Association. He stated that COOPER went to work again as 2nd Engineer aboard the "SS Mormacscan" at Brooklyn, NY, on 2/20/69.

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Mr. SULLIVAN stated that the "SS Mormacsean" is scheduled to depart the Port of New York on 2/28/69, on a voyage of about two months to South America and is scheduled to make the ports of Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 3/12/69, Montevideo, Uruguay, on 3/19/69, and Paranagua, Brazil, on 3/21/69. Mr. SULLIVAN stated that according to his records, COOPER resides at 159-13 85th Street, Queens, NY.

In view of the information set out in re SAC letter concerning the travel abroad of individuals with subversive backgrounds, no LHM will be submitted with respect to LOUIS COOPER. It is noted that subject is not on the SI or the RI-A and no information has been developed concerning substantial subversive activity on his part over the past five years.